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SUBJECT: ORTOLI ON US- EC RELATIONS

1. SUMMARY: ON MARCH 29, THE NEW EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT ORTOLI MADE A COURTESY VISIT TO BONN. DURING THE DAY HE SAW PRESIDENT HEINEMANN AND MINISTERS CCHEEL, SCHMIDT, ERTL, AND EHMKE. CHANCELLOR BRANDT HOSTED A LUNCHEON IN HIS HONOR. AT HIS AFTERNOON PRESS CONFERENCE, ORTOLI FIELDDED A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS, ONE OF WHICH CONCERNED EC- US RELATIONS. HIS COMMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT ARE INFORMALLY TRANSLATED BELOW ALONG WITH A SHORT PORTION OF CHANCELLOR BRANDT'S LUNCHEON SPEECH. END SUMMARY.
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2. ORTOLI SAID, "... I BELIEVE THAT IN OUR (US AND EC) MUTUAL RELATIONS A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS ARISE. PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM IS TO DEVELOP THE MUTUAL WILL TO SUCCEED IN A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WITH EACH OTHER, FOR WE HAVE MAJOR INTERESTS IN COMMON. FOR THAT REASON, I WAS VERY PLEASED ABOUT THE COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES DURING THE MONETARY CRISIS, AND I BELIEVE THIS COOPERATION WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE PURELY TECHNICAL ASPECTS AND SOLUTIONS WHICH WERE ACHIEVED. I BELIEVE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC THINGS ARE FREQUENTLY SAID THAT ARE NOT COMPLETELY CORRECT AND THAT THERE ARE FREQUENTLY MISUNDERSTANDINGS... ON BOTH SIDES, OUR GOAL MUST BE TO DEVELOP WORLD TRADE. THAT IS ALSO THE GOAL WHICH THE GATT WILL FOLLOW IN ITS NEW NEGOTIATIONS... I BELIEVE THAT A PREREQUISITE FOR THE REALIZATION OF THIS GOAL IS THAT WE MUST WORK TOGETHER ON THE BASIS OF TRUE RECIPROCITY. WE CERTAINLY KNOW THAT THE COMMISSION MAINTAINS REGULAR CONTACT WITH THE UNITED STATES. IN RECENT WEEKS WE HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF CONVERSATIONS. ONE OF THE COMMISSIONERS TRAVELED TO THE UNITED STATES WHERE HE SPOKE WITH RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS AND ALSO WITH PRESIDENT NIXON. THE COMMISSION HAS RECEIVED MESSRS. SHULTZ AND PETERSON, AND IN THREE MONTHS WE WILL HAVE FURTHER CONVERSATIONS WITH MR. CASEY. WE HAVE MANY COMMON INTERESTS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC. THERE ARE ALSO SOME MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND DIFFICULT PROBLEMS, BUT I AM FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT WE CAN SUCCESSFULLY OVERCOME THESE PROBLEMS BY WORKING TOGETHER RATHER THAN FIGHTING AGAINST ONE ANOTHER. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TRUE RECIPROCITY."

3. IN HIS LUNCHEON ADDRESS, CHANCELLOR BRANDT NOTED, "... OUR (EC) RELATIONS WITH THE WORLD, AND ABOVE ALL WITH THE GREAT INDUSTRIAL NATIONS, SHOULD CERTAINLY NOT BE IN A PERMANENT STATE OF CRISIS. WE MUST DO EVERYTHING NECESSARY SO THAT UNAVOIDABLE ADJUSTMENTS IN THE AREAS OF WORLDWIDE MONETARY AND TRADE RELATIONS WILL NOT LEAD TO ESTRANGEMENT, ABOVE ALL WITH THE / UNITED STATES, BUT RATHER PRODUCE THE BEGINNING OF A NEW PHASE OF PRODUCTIVE COOPERATION."

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